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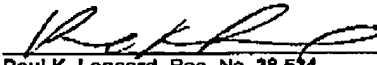
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and appropriate fee, to and through November 7, 2005.

Claims 83-87 are pending in the present application.

I. The Claimed Invention Is Not Obvious

Claims 83 and 85-87 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of the following references: 1) U.S. Patent No. 5,463,564 (hereinafter, the "Agrafiotis reference"), 2) Hyndman et al., Biotechniques, 1996, 20, 1090 (hereinafter, the "Hyndman reference"), 3) Nickerson et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 1990, 87,

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